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SUBJ: CUTBACK IN ALGERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF ALGERIAN CUTBACK IN IMPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THIS WEEK A FEW SIGNS HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION.

2. LARGE 7.5 MILLION TON REFINERY TO BE BUILT AT BEJAEA BY PROCON FOR SONATRACH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. BIGGER REFINERY, 15 MILLION TONS, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SKIKDA WAS SUBJECT TO REVIEW; BUT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE SINCE CONSTRUCTION TOO ADVANCED. RATIONALE FOR THESE MOVES COULD AS WELL BE REFINERY OVERCAPACITY AS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CUTBACK.

3. CIRCULAR HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL NATIONAL COMPANIES TO LIMIT IMPORTS AND TO DRAW DOWN STOCKS.

4. AUSTRIAN FIRMS WITH CONTRACTS FOR ENLARGEMENT OF EL HADJAR STEEL COMPLEX AT ANNABA HAVE BEEN TOLD BY NATIONAL STEEL COMPANY, SNS, THAT THERE IS NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PAY FOR ORDERS. THIS IS DESPITE FINANCE MINISTRY APPROVAL. AUSTRIANS ARE TOLD IT HAS BEEN

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DECIDED NOW NOT TO EXPAND EL HADJAR COMPLEX WHICH HAS

HAD MANY PROBLEMS.

5. SWISS FIRM WHICH HAD RESPONDED TO APPEAL D'OFFRES  
FOR WORK ON PROPOSED DIPLOMATIC QUARTER HAS NOW BEEN  
INFORMED PROJECT HAS BEEN PUT ON SHELF INDEFINITELY.

6. NEITHER WE NOR FRENCH CAN CITE SPECIFIC CASE OF  
APPROVED CONTRACT BEING CANCELLED, BUT GERMANS HAVE  
HAD ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANCY CONTRACT TERMINATED.

7. HOWEVER, DESPITE ABOVE, NEW CONTRACTS ARE BEING  
SIGNED AND FOREIGN FIRMS BEING INVITED TO BID ON MANY  
HUGE PROJECTS. WITH NEW LOANS IN OR ALMOST IN THEIR  
POCKETS, ALGERIANS DO NOT SEEM WORRIED ABOUT FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE RESERVES WHEN TALKING TO INDUSTRIALISTS.

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